

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mobile handset keypad of a mobile handset comprising an array of keys positioned on a surface of a mobile housing for user interface with the mobile handset, said array of keys, comprising:
 - a plurality of alphanumeric keys that operate in an alphanumeric mode;
 - a navigation scheme having at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key configured to navigate through a plurality of menus in a navigation mode;
 - an automatic toggling between said navigation mode and the alphanumeric mode comprising:
 - a mode icon in a display indicative of the current mode the mobile handset is in; and
 - ~~a corresponding graphical element on said at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key indicative through illumination of the current mode the mobile handset is in; and~~
 - ~~at least one illuminatable housing surface area, which is not a key, proximate to the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key;~~
 - ~~at least one illumination source proximate to and underlying the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key and the at least one illuminatable housing surface area, the at least one illumination source automatic toggling configured to distinguish between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation scheme by illuminating illuminate the at least one illumination source for lighting the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key, without illuminating surrounding keys, and the at least one illuminatable housing surface area when being in the navigation mode to indicate that the handset is in the navigation mode to a user.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The mobile keypad of claim 1, further comprising a toggle key for toggling between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation mode manually.
3. (Currently Amended) The mobile keypad of claim 2, wherein said toggling between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation mode further comprises an automatic toggling between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation mode based upon user interaction with said plurality of menus and input data without manual toggling, said automatic toggling is further configured to
illuminate the at least one illumination source for lighting the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key and the at least one illuminatable housing surface area and update said mode icon and said corresponding graphical element, indicating the related alphanumeric mode or the navigation mode.
4. (Currently Amended) The mobile keypad of claim 1, wherein said at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key comprises:
 - a first integral navigation and alphanumeric key comprising an up navigation function;
 - a second integral navigation and alphanumeric key comprising a down navigation function;
 - a third integral navigation and alphanumeric key comprising a left navigation function;
 - a fourth integral navigation and alphanumeric key comprising a right navigation function;.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) A mobile handset, comprising:
 - a microprocessor and menu display including software routines for creating and displaying a menu and a mode icon in a display, said software routines configured to automatically activate:

said mode icon in said display indicative of the current mode the mobile handset is in; and

~~a corresponding graphical element indicative, through illumination of at least one integral alphanumeric and navigation key, of the current mode the mobile handset is in;~~

an automatic toggling between a navigation mode and an alphanumeric mode;

a housing including a front face with openings for touch keys and said display and containing said microprocessor;

a plurality of switches within said housing;

a keypad within said housing comprising an array of keys projecting through the openings in the front face of said housing, each interacting with one corresponding switch; said array comprising the array of keys including:

a plurality of alphanumeric keys that operate in said alphanumeric mode;

a navigation scheme having said at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key configured to navigate through a plurality of menus in said navigation mode; and

at least one illuminatable housing surface area, which is not a key, proximate to the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key;

at least one illumination source proximate to and underlying the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key and the at least one illuminatable housing surface area, the at least one illumination source automatic toggling configured to distinguish between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation scheme by illuminating illuminate the at least one illumination source for lighting the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key, without illuminating surrounding keys, and the at least one illuminatable housing surface area when being in the navigation mode to indicate that the handset is in the navigation mode to a user.

7. (Currently Amended) The mobile handset of claim 6, further comprising a toggle key for toggling between the alphanumeric and the navigation mode manually.

8. (Currently Amended) The mobile handset of claim 6, wherein said toggling between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation mode further comprises an automatic toggling between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation mode based upon user interaction with said plurality of menus and input data without manual toggling, said automatic toggling is further configured to illuminate the at least one illumination source for lighting the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key and the at least one illuminatable housing surface area and update said mode icon and said corresponding graphical element, indicating the related alphanumeric mode or the navigation mode.

9. (Currently Amended) The mobile handset of claim 6, wherein the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key further includes indicia thereon irradiated by said the at least one illumination source comprising a proximate backlighting panel.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The mobile handset of claim 8, additionally comprising means for sensing user interaction with said plurality of menus and input data enabling the automatic toggling of said combined navigation and alphanumeric keys into the navigation mode.

12. (Currently Amended) The mobile handset of claim 11, additionally comprising means for sensing user interaction with said plurality of menus and input data enabling the automatic toggling of said combined navigation and alphanumeric keys into the alphanumeric mode.

13. (Currently Amended) The mobile handset of claim 12, additionally comprising means for manually toggling said combined alphanumeric and navigation keys into the alphanumeric mode when said menu displays options requiring alphanumeric mode input and into the navigation mode when said menu displays options requiring

alphanumericenavigation mode input and for error correction purposes.

14. (Currently Amended) The mobile handset of claim 6, additionally comprising a dual function key and associated switch for sending stored dialing information and entering user input when in alphanumeric mode and alternatively selecting menu options when in navigation control mode.

15. (Currently Amended) The mobile handset of claim 6, additionally comprising a dual function key and associated switch ~~effor~~ ending a telephone call when in alphanumeric mode and alternatively moving up in the menu hierarchy when in navigation control mode.

16. (Currently Amended) The mobile keypad of claim 4, wherein the at least one illumination source comprises:

a first illumination source proximate to the first integral navigation and alphanumeric key;

a second illumination source proximate to the second integral navigation and alphanumeric key;

a third illumination source proximate to the third integral navigation and alphanumeric key;

a fourth illumination source proximate to the fourth integral navigation and alphanumeric key;

17. (New) The mobile keypad of claim 1, wherein at least one illuminatable housing surface area includes a single illuminatable housing surface area that is illuminated with the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key when the mobile handset is in the navigation mode.

18. (New) The mobile keypad of claim 17, wherein the illuminatable housing surface area has an oval configuration that is illuminated with the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key when the mobile handset is in the navigation mode.

19. (New) The mobile keypad of claim 1, wherein at least one illuminatable housing surface area includes multiple illuminatable housing surface areas that are illuminated with the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key when the mobile handset is in the navigation mode.
20. (New) The mobile keypad of claim 19, wherein the multiple illuminatable housing surface areas are illuminated with the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key to form an illuminated cross-like configuration when the mobile handset is in the navigation mode.
21. (New) The mobile keypad of claim 6, wherein at least one illuminatable housing surface area includes a single illuminatable housing surface area that is illuminated with the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key when the mobile handset is in the navigation mode.
22. (New) The mobile keypad of claim 21, wherein the illuminatable housing surface area has an oval configuration that is illuminated with the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key when the mobile handset is in the navigation mode.
23. (New) The mobile keypad of claim 6, wherein at least one illuminatable housing surface area includes a multiple illuminatable housing surface areas that are illuminated with the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key when the mobile handset is in the navigation mode.
24. (New) The mobile keypad of claim 23, wherein the multiple illuminatable housing surface areas are illuminated with the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key to form an illuminated cross-like configuration when the mobile handset is in the navigation mode.